

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RYAN et al.

Attention:

PCT BOX MISSING PARTS

Serial No.: 09/926,599

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For: AN ANTIMICROBIAL COMPOSITION

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated February 22, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

The Official Action is a Notification of Defective Response which indicates that the Declaration does not comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.497(a) and (b) in that it does not identify the citizenship of each inventor. Applicants submit herewith a properly and fully executed Declaration which identifies the citizenship of each inventor and identifies the application by serial number, title and PCT international application number. A copy of form PCT/DO/EO/916 is submitted herewith. No fees are deemed necessary as they were paid when the original Declaration was filed on January 31, 2002. However, if any fees are deemed necessary, please charge them to Deposit Account #02-0200.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for examination. Accordingly, applicants most respectfully request that an Official Filing Receipt be issued and that the application be forwarded to the appropriate examining group for its examination in due course.

Respectfully submitted,
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